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TO: JERRY BREMER/DAVE GOMPERT
FROM: BUD McFARLANE
SUBJECT: RECENT PRESIDENTIAL DECISIONS

IT MAY BE USEFUL TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AT HAND
DURING YOUR MIDDLE EAST TRAVEL.

1. ON NOVEMBER 2 THE PRESIDENT SIGNED DETERMINATIONS MAKING POSSIBLE PL 480 SALES OF WHEAT TO EGYPT (200,000 TONS) AND WHEAT AND RICE TO SYRIA (75,000 AND 25,000 TONS RESPECTIVELY). TEAM IS DEPARTING ON SCHEDULE TO AMEND EXISTING AGREEMENT IN EGYPT AND NEGOTIATE NEW AGREEMENT IN DAMASCUS. SECRETARY BUTZ IS EXPECTED TO SIGN AMENDMENT IN CAIRO ON NOVEMBER 11.

2. PRESIDENT HAS ALSO SIGNED DETERMINATION MAKING AVAILABLE \$5 MILLION TO ALLOW VOLUNTARY AGENCY OPERATIONS TO CONTINUE ON BEHALF OF SOVIET REFUGEES WHO CHOOSE NOT TO SETTLE IN ISRAEL. MORE FUNDS MAY BE NEEDED FOR THIS PURPOSE AFTER APRIL 1975. DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS ALSO BEEN DIRECTED TO PLAN ON REIMBURSING THIS AMOUNT FROM THE \$40 MILLION WHICH CONGRESS IS EXPECTED TO APPROPRIATE FOR SOVIET REFUGEES IN ISRAEL AND ELSEWHERE. REIMBURSEMENT WILL RESTORE PRESIDENT'S LIMITED AUTHORITY (\$10 MILLION) TO MEET OTHER OR UNFORESEEN REFUGEE NEEDS IN FY 75. STATE WILL REPORT BACK IF THERE IS STRONG CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION TO SPENDING SIGNIFICANT PART OF \$40 MILLION OUTSIDE OF ISRAEL.

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